REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are allowed. Claims 18-23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 12-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujii et al. (6,263,734) in view of Kaneko (5,239,870) further in view of Yoshida et al. (6,293,149).

10 1.Rejection of claims 12-17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):
Claims 12-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a),
for reasons of record that can be found on pages 2-3
in the Office action identified above, which is part
of paper no.01122004.

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Response:

Claims 12-17 have been canceled without disclaimer as to their merit as filed and are no longer in need of consideration.

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2.Allowable subject matter:

Claims 1-11 are allowed. Claims 18-23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in dependent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response:

Claims 18-23 have been canceled without disclaimer 30 as to their merit as filed and are no longer in need of consideration.

With the cancellation of claims 12-23, all claims in the present application, namely, claims 1-11 are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

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Sincerely yours,

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